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1. Went to the Hill with Mr. Dulles where we saw Senator Chavez and spent a very short time with him discussing the building. He said that he was entirely sympathetic to our request and thought that we ought to have an appropriation which would leave the choice of sites to us. He emphasized that he realized that we had no negotiating power ^{since} we had chosen one site. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Dulles again said that he expected to get outside architects and engineers to come in and advise him as to which site was the best.

Mr. Dulles raised the question of Appropriations language and Senator Chavez told us to go over and see Francis Hewitt or Mike Rexroad if we wanted to discuss it in detail.

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3. As we left the Appropriations Committee Room, we bumped into Senator Carlson of Kansas at which time Mr. Dulles told him of his concern about the Executive Pay Act. Senator Carlson said that he had a letter on his desk on this subject which he had not read and that if we wanted to go over to his office George Stafford would show it to us. This we did, and what we learned is shown in the attachment. The Director is in Category IV, which is far too low for the prestige he should have. Stafford said that they weren't sure that there was going to be any legislation and that Olin Johnston, the Majority Leader, was unexcited about it, adding, "This is the understatement of the year!" He also said, in an aside, "Why don't you send [] back to New York and make us all happy!"

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4. We then went to the office of Senator Olin Johnston where we saw Mr. Riddle, his Administrative Assistant, and a Mr. Johnson. We discussed the matter with Riddle briefly who said that the afternoon was the best time to see the Senator unless we wanted to catch him on the floor. The Director indicated that he would like very much to see Senator Johnston at his convenience. It was left that Mr. Riddle would notify us when the Director might see the Senator. Mr. Dulles requested that I be contacted in the event he was not available and confer with the Senator on this matter.

5. We proceeded to Congressman Ed Rees' office. His secretary took us over to the Capitol Building where we conferred with Chairman Tom Murray of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, as well as with Congressman Rees; their Administrative man, Fred Belen, was also present. Mr. Murray said that he had received no letter and that as of now there wasn't any bill. He also said that he had been urging the Administration to get this information up there for five weeks and that he wasn't at all sure there would be any bill since Majority Leader Clements had said he certainly wasn't going to hold up the adjournment of Congress for this matter; further, that the Senate side (Johnston and Carlson) didn't even want to meet with the House Committee on the subject. They emphasized that they had not changed any of the categories and that these categories had been furnished by the White House. They were flabbergasted that the White House would send up such a bill without consultation with the agencies concerned and suggested that we get together with the people in the White House handling this matter, namely, Jack Martin and Bryce Harlow. Mr. Dulles undertook to do this. Congressman Rees followed us all the way to the car and said that he would do anything he could for CIA.

6. In the course of these rounds we ran into Senator Bricker who expressed his support for our new building, as well as Senator Margaret Chase Smith who said that she would help. Although I am not sure that she really understood what Mr. Dulles was talking about when he mentioned this matter to her, Senator Smith seemed most friendly and asked Mr. Dulles to remember her to Mrs. Dulles.

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